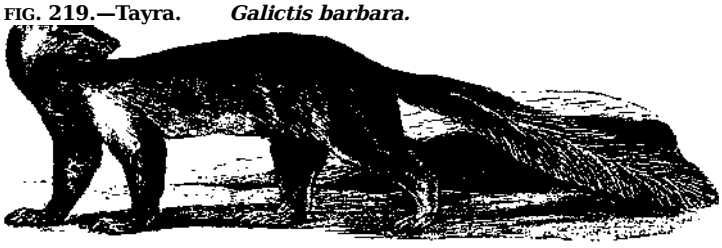
fissures of rocks, or in holes dug by itself. It is a purely nocturnal beast.

The singular genus *Mydaus,* containing the species *Ml meli-ceps,* the Teleciu or Javanese Skunk, is an inhabitant of Java and Sumatra. It frequents the mountains of these islands, into the soil of which it burrows in search of worms and larvae. There is but one species, which is " like a miniature badger, of rather eccentric colours," It is blackish brown, with a yellowish-white top to its head, and a stripe of the same colour down the back. It may be distinguished by its elongated snout, obliquely trun-cated, and with inferiorly-placed nostrils. As to osteological characters, it has a more oblique symphysis of the mandible than in any other Carnivore. The secretion of the anal glands is said to rival that of the Skunk in offensiveness and in the distance to which it can be propelled.

Sirb-Fam. 2. Mustelinae.—Representatives occur in both the Old and New Worlds ; but the genera and even the species are in oiie or two cases common to both.

G-alictis 'bcur'bara} the Tayra, is a brown, elongated, and Weasel-

FIG. 219.—Tayra. *Galictis barbara.*



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like animal from Mexic :> and South America. As is the case with the Weasel, it is sometimes gregarious, a herd of twenty having been observed. The soles of the feet are naked, and the molar formula is Pm -f M ^. In these characters the Orison *(&. vittata)* agrees with *G-. Barbara;* but it h#s been referred to a different genus, *Gfrisonia**

The Orison, " this savage and diabolical-looking weasel/' as

[1] See *Trans. Zool. Soc.* ii, 1841, p. 201.